

111TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# H. R. 5358

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 20, 2010

Ms. CASTOR of Florida introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

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## A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Florida Coastal Protec-  
5 tion Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION OF OIL AND NATURAL GAS**  
2 **PRELEASING, LEASING, AND RELATED AC-**  
3 **TIVITIES IN CERTAIN AREAS OFF THE COAST**  
4 **OF FLORIDA.**

5 Section 18 of the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act  
6 (43 U.S.C. 1344) is amended by adding at the end the  
7 following:

8 “(i) PROHIBITION OF OIL AND NATURAL GAS  
9 PRELEASING, LEASING, AND RELATED ACTIVITIES IN  
10 CERTAIN AREAS OFF THE COAST OF FLORIDA.—

11 “(1) PROHIBITION.—Notwithstanding any other  
12 provision of this section or any other law, the Sec-  
13 retary may not offer for oil and gas leasing or  
14 preleasing or any related activity, any tract located  
15 in—

16 “(A) any area of the Eastern Gulf of Mex-  
17 ico that is referred to in section 104(a) of the  
18 Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act of 2006;

19 “(B) the South Atlantic Planning Area; or

20 “(C) the Straits of Florida Planning Area.

21 “(2) LIMITATION ON EFFECT.—Nothing in this  
22 subsection affects any right under any lease issued  
23 under this Act before the date of enactment of this  
24 subsection.”.